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PLAINTIFF WAS MARRIED

Several Weeks Before Divorce Was Granted in Thompson Case.

The Thompson divorce suit which was brought in the district court of Ford county last week has taken a remarkable turn, and from reports heard here after the granting of the divorce is one of the most peculiar matrimonial mix-ups which has occurred in the state.

Judge Madison granted a divorce to Mrs. Thompson believing that she was fully entitled to one. Later, however, he heard reports which, if true, not only made it necessary to refuse the divorce, but which places Mrs. Thompson in a serious position.

The facts regarding the marriage of the Thompsons as heard here are as follows:

Shortly after their marriage at Greensburg a woman came from Hutchinson claiming that Thompson had lived with her as man and wife and that he had contracted to marry her. Under her claim as a wife, which will probably be sustained by the law, she had Thompson arrested for bigamy and his case is now pending in court at Greensburg.

Mrs. Thompson brought suit for divorce here, but before the divorce was granted she was married again, to Dick Moody formerly of Spearville. They were married in Hodgeman county and had been living together several weeks before the

divorce was granted. Mrs. Thompson seems to have believed that as Thompson is on trial as the husband of the Hutchinson woman, that she herself had never been a legal wife, and consequently, that she was free to marry Mr. Moody. At the same time she was going through the legal form of securing a divorce.

Judge Madison had a citation issued summoning Mrs. Thompson and the Greensburg lawyer who represented her in the divorce proceedings into court here.

How the affair will end is more than can be told at this time, but it is a very unfortunate affair, and will no doubt make trouble for Mrs. Thompson. Parties who know her say that she seems to be a good woman, and they appear to feel very sorry for her in her present difficulty.

Notice Teachers' Examination.

The regular Teachers' Examination will be held at Dodge City, at the Court House on January 26th and 27th beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

F. C. WOODBURY,
County Superintendent.

Notice.

To the farmers of the north west and south west—There will be a meeting of the farmers living south west and north west of the court house Dodge City on Saturday Jan 20, to arrange the preliminaries in regard to building a Farmers Elevator at Howell. Everybody come.

SANTA FE IMPROVEMENTS

G. E. AYERS' ADDRESSES THE COMMERCIAL CLUB ON RAILROAD CHANGES

\$95,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS

W. J. Fitzgerald Gives a Report of the Rate Convention Held at Wichita.

The meeting of the Commercial club Tuesday night was largely attended, and the interest manifested compared favorably to any one of the previous meetings, since the organization of the club. Outside of the ordinary routine work of the club there was special interest in the remarks made by Mr. Ayers Division Superintendent of the Santa Fe Railway. Mr. Ayers stated that it was the intention of the company to rebuild and increase the capacity of the round house, making it one-third larger than its present dimensions. There would also be an office building erected and other improvements in building. As the business of the company at this station was increasing at the rate of twenty-five per cent annually being about double in the last four years, the facilities for transacting business must necessarily be enlarged. A new freight warehouse and coal chute would also be built. The switch tracks would be removed from the business portion of the city to the eastern limits of the yards, and a double track would be laid through the city. The prospects of the completion of the Medicine Lodge extension was spoken of and with the possession of this shortened route to the sea about the Santa Fe Railway would be enabled to transport a large volume of business. The purpose of the Santa Fe Railway in building short lines and cut-offs was not for the purpose alone of contributing to its general business but also to relieve the tension of congested business on its main line.

It seems probable with these contemplated improvements by the Santa Fe in view, and others in prospect that Dodge City is in the embryo of a boom. The public improvements will stimulate individual enterprises, and we learn that many dwellings will be built here the coming spring and summer. The Commercial Club committee are on the alert in regard to the different enterprises to which the several committees have in charge, and mills, elevators, new railroads and other enterprises are within the scope of the club's anticipation and from indications there will be established in this city all needed enterprises before the end of the present year.

It is estimated that the amount of the improvements to be made by the Santa Fe Railway company in Dodge City this year will reach about \$95,000. This does not appear that the Santa Fe is loosening its hold on Dodge City. It is taking a firmer grip.

W. J. Fitzgerald gave a very interesting account of the recent Wichita rate convention, which he attended as a delegate from the club. He told of the class of men of which the convention was made up; the things complained of; the relief hoped for, and the plan of organization decided upon as a medium to bring about such relief.

Deceased.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Mueller, mother of Mrs. E. E. Smith died at the home of E. E. Smith yesterday at the age of 83 years. She was born in Germany, coming to this country in early life, and had long been a member of the German Lutheran church. Fred Mueller and Mrs. Smith were the only members of her family present at the time of her death, although four others survive her. Another son lives in St. Louis where she was taken to be buried next Sunday beside her husband.

Notice to Teachers.

The Ford County Teachers' Association will hold a meeting at Bucklin on January 20, 1906, beginning at 1 o'clock P. M. All teachers are cordially invited to attend same. Programs will be sent later.

F. C. WOODBURY,
County Superintendent.

Half The World Wonders.

how the other half lives. Those who use Bucklen's Arnica Salve never wonder if it will cure Cuts, Wounds, Burns, Sores, and all Skin eruptions; they know it will. Mrs. Grant Shy, 1130 E. Reynolds St., Springfield, Ill., says: "I regard it one of the absolute necessities of housekeeping." Guaranteed by Rath & Balbridge, Druggist, 26c.

WHAT IS LAND WORTH?

Nic Mayrath is Keeping a System of Farming Accounts to Answer the Question.

Commissioner Nic Mayrath is keeping up a careful system of book-keeping on his farm which will show each year just how much he has made in wheat farming, and by taking it for a term of years he is able to tell exactly how much his land is worth for farming purposes. He keeps a careful account of all work done and all grain raised. He values farm land at \$2000 a quarter and charges up interest at 5 per cent on that amount against the crop raised on the quarter. He also charges up the taxes on the land and cost of insurance on crops, allows himself the same price for plowing, harrowing and all work that it would cost each year to hire the work done. He charges up the seed sown at the market price, and the expenses of drilling, harvesting, threshing and marketing the grain. On the other side of the account he has the amounts for grain sold, value of straw sold or fed, insurance money, if he has collected any loss on crops, and every dollar that is made by the land. If he comes out even, he has been paid a good price for his work and has drawn interest on his investment. And if he comes out ahead as he has in most cases it is like finding money.

There are others in Ford county who keep similar accounts of their farming operations but there are a great many more who keep practically no record of the cost of a crop. Mr. Mayrath some day is going to jump up with ten and twenty year records and show by actual figures that Ford county uplands are worth \$25. per acre for wheat farming.

Beats The Music Cure.

"To keep the body in tune," writes Mrs. Mary Brown, 20 Lafayette Place Poughkeepsie, N. Y. "I take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are the most reliable and pleasant laxative I have found." Best for the Stomach, Liver and Bowels. Guaranteed by Rath & Balbridge, Druggist, 26c.

MADE GOOD SHOWING

Heavy Year for County But Expenses Were Lowered.

The year of 1905 was a heavy one for Ford county for several reasons, one being the material purchased for bridge repairs, but the board of commissioners never-the-less cut down the expenses of the county over \$5000, below the expenses of 1904, which is a good showing indeed for the board.

The county records show that the 1905 expenditures are \$18000 less than one of the years in the past record.

The board for 1906 has some heavy work on its hands in the building of a steel bridge over the Arkansas river. They have contracted for a first class bridge and have the contractor under good and sufficient bond to fulfill his contract to the letter. The contract price was considered very low by the numerous bridge men who were bidders. Some of the bids were several thousand dollars higher than the price at which the contract was let.

SUPPER AT SAW LOG

Big Oyster Supper Will be Given on Friday February 2nd

An oyster supper will be given at Saw Log school house in the Muldore neighborhood. The proceeds go for the purpose of building a Stone church. The stone has been donated and ground for church and cemetery has also been given. The ladies of that community are working hard to raise the money to put up the building and furnish it. All the people should put their shoulder to the wheel and pull for dear life to assist in such a worthy undertaking. Date of supper will be February 2nd. Don't fail to come.

FOR GOOD ROADS

State Association Sends Out Letter Telling How to Get Them.

C. D. Stanner, Assistant Secretary Kansas Good Roads Association, Topeka, is sending out the following letter concerning the matter of roads:

Bad roads cost more than taxes. They may be escaped, while taxes can not. The way to secure good roads is to co-operate with your neighbors. For less than \$10. per mile any community can enjoy the benefits of good roads. Here is the plan. Call a meeting of all the people of the neighborhood at some central house. Organize by electing a President, Secretary-Treasurer and a Drag Master. These officers shall serve without compensation except the drag master, who shall be allowed 32 cents per hour for time actually employed in dragging your roads. Appoint a committee to have charge of interesting each member of the community and arrange to have the drag master go over the road with a King drag after each rain. The King drag can be built for \$3.00. After it is ready it is graded with the regular grade. It can be kept in splendid repair forever by using the King road drag.

COURT NEWS

The District Court Has Ground Out the Following Cases Since Last Week.

The present term of District Court is one of the busiest and longest held in Ford county since Judge Madison has occupied the bench. The criminal calendar is brief, containing only five cases, all of minor importance.

"Dr. Rochell, who raked in the shakels and was able to wear diamonds because of the fact that Barman's maxim still applies to some people, was dismissed. He had occupied a room in the court house basement since last summer.

The case against Daniel Keller of Howell, charged with shooting at J. W. Shank, was also dismissed on lack of substantiating evidence. Mr. Keller's testimony, supported by his family, tended to show that he was merely shooting a hole in the air, and had no inclination to harm Mr. Shank.

The cases against Ned Jenkins and C. R. Long, charged with dispensing intoxicants were continued for service, and the charge against L. Hawkins for disorderly doings was dismissed.

There are seventy civil cases on the docket, and most of next week will be consumed in disposing of them.

The case of W. J. Dixon and son against J. C. Tucker was settled out of court.

The suit of J. F. Foley vs. W. E. Teare on account of damages claimed to have been sustained by plaintiff's losses of cattle which defendant had contracted to pasture and feed, was continued to the June term at the cost of plaintiff.

Real estate agents got a pointer in the case of Coffman & Upp vs. Henry Schraeder, wherein plaintiff sought to recover agent's commission on a sale of defendant's land which they had contracted to sell which defendant himself sold. The contract was signed only by Schraeder, and it bound him the bonds of ironclad restrictions, while nothing was incumbent upon his agents. Under such conditions an agent could hold client's land and sell other lands adjacent, greatly to the detriment and mental discomfit of the client.

C. S. Hinchman's suit against Dodge City to compel the payment of old city warrants issued in the boom days and now aggregating a total sum in principal and interest of about \$25,000 was taken up yesterday evening and is being tried by jury. Hinchman is represented by Hon. S. E. Peters and J. D. Nicholson and the city by Col. Eugene Ware and Judge Hunt of Topeka. The defendant claims that some of those warrants were illegally issued and that Hutchinson did not buy them of the city but of an independent party, and upon such grounds contends that the statute of limitation has run against the debt.

FAIR ASSOCIATION

Getting in Shape to Arrange For the 1906 Meeting.

The Fair and Driving Park Association held their Annual Meeting, Jan 17 for the purpose of electing officers and hearing the report of the treasurer in regard to their financial condition.

The report shows the amount on hand the first of last year together with that collected during 1905 to be \$1986.94 and the amount expended to be 1431.16, leaving a balance now on hand of \$555.78.

The Association last year had but \$19.24 at the beginning of the year. This amount compared with the amount now on hand together with the renewed enthusiasm shows encouraging prospects for the coming year.

The following officers were elected: Sam Stubbs, Pres.; P. H. Young, Vice Pres.; S. Gallagher, Sec.; Chas. States, Treas. The directors for the ensuing year are: A. Gluck, P. H. Young, Sam Stubbs, S. Gallagher Jr., O. H. Slapson, L. J. Pettijohn, C. A. Milton and W. T. Coolidge.

VERDICT FOR \$3000.

Jury Found For Plaintiffs in Stone Damage Suit.

The jury in the suit of C. E. and Mary E. Stone against the Santa Fe Company for \$5000. damages brought in a verdict of \$3000. for the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs had a son badly scalded at the round house, and the boy died from his injuries a few days later.

The jury returned the verdict on Saturday night.

TAX PAYING RECORD.

Over Eighty Per Cent of the Total Taxes Has Been Paid.

Money has been pouring into County Treasurer Davies' office. Ford county people seem to have plenty of ready money this year. The county treasurer has collected up to the present time taxes in \$2000 of the total amount of taxes collected last year.

The amount collected now is \$17,000, above the amount he had collected on the first half of last year at this time, and it is over 86 per cent of the total taxes for the year.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Mrs. Corey has been sick the past few days.

Andy Russell arrived home from Ashland, Ky., this morning.

Elder C. H. Howes will preach in the M. E. church Sunday night.

John Martin of the Bee Hive, has recovered from his illness sufficiently to be around town.

Dwelling houses continue to be in demand and moving goes on as is usual in warmer seasons.

J. H. Tribblelock is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. He is still confined to his bed.

Mrs. J. L. Dellinger is confined to her bed with pneumonia, but she is not in a dangerous condition.

The Chicago Commercial Club passed through Dodge in their special car Monday, bound for California.

A number of cases, which appear on the civil docket, have already been settled out of court, and there are several others that should be.

Miss Zoe Hughes sang a solo at the M. E. church last Sunday which was highly appreciated by the congregation, and a great credit to herself.

R. S. Crane left this morning to meet his brother at Guthrie, Oklahoma, for a brief visit, and will go from there to Kansas City for a sojourn of a few days.

Miss Emma Winegarth, who has been Mrs. C. M. Beeson's assistant on the ranch, is dangerously sick, and was removed to the home of her parents Tuesday noon.

Wm. Baker and Fred Bomerlin are opening a restaurant in the basement of the Opera house under G. L. Painter's name.

The young Ladies Embroidery Club, which is known as the A. B. Club, will hold its first meeting at the home of Miss Sadie Hanna, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 20th.

Next week N. B. Klaine will move to the house known as the McLeod property, and Robert Vernon will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Klaine.

It is not idle conjecture to state that the population of Dodge City will increase 1000 in another year. Everything points to a general prosperity in the country and city.

Real estate is changing hands and real estate dealers are busy. The improvement in prices is also noted. Town lots especially have market value of esteemed importance.

Subjects at the Christian church next Lord's day Jan. 21.—"Excuses" 11 a. m. "Is there a God?" 7:30 p. m. Meeting of the Young People's Society, 6:30 p. m. sharp. We invite you to all of these services.

The more the people have to do with Judge Madison, on the bench, the greater their regret to have him give it up. Still it would be a blessing to the country if he could be transported to the U. S. senate right now.

The M. E. Quarterly meeting will be held in Dodge City the last of this week. The Conference will be held Friday evening. Preaching Elder C. J. Howes D. D. will be with us and preach at the M. E. church, Sunday evening.

Register H. F. Millikan, and Receiver L. J. Pettijohn of the land office are receiving the congratulations of friends, on the announcement of their re-appointment for another term of four years, to these positions. Both officials, and the entire office force, are capable, efficient and accommodating, and not only Dodge City and vicinity, but the whole of South-west Kansas will be pleased to learn of the retention, in office, of these popular officials, by the President.